PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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GASTROINTESTINAL ABSORPTION ENHANCER MEDIATED BY PROTON-

COUPLED TRANSPORTER AND ITS PREPARING METHOD

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time of three months, extending the time for responding to the Office Action of July 20, 2009 to January 20, 2010.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge the statutory fee of \$1,110.00 and all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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